Panchayats. Bihar has now 8471 Gram Panchayats, 531 Intermediate Panchayats and 38 District Panchayats. It has a total of 1,28,802 elected representatives in three tiers of Panchayats. The issue of reservations to posts of Chairpersons is still pending in the Supreme Court.

The Government of Bihar enacted the State Panchayati Raj Act to conform to the Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992 on 22.8.1993. The Bihar Government have developed 25 functions to the Panchayats. Funds relating to 8 subjects are also reported to have been devolved. Bihar has constituted District Planning Committees in 37 out of 38 districts on an *ad hoc* basis.

The representatives of the Bihar Government including the then State Minister for Panchayati Raj attended the series of Seven Round Tables of State Ministers of Panchayati Raj and is a party to the consensus recommendations of the Seven Round Tables. The Union Minister of Panchayati Raj proposes to visit Bihar in the near future to further review the progress on the implementation of these recommendations.

Two Child Legal Norm for Sarpanches/Panches

†2878. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the States of the country who have more than two children where such laws are inforce which provide for removal of Sarpanch, Up-Sarpanch and Panches from their posts in Gram Panchayat;

(b) the details of the persons who have been removed from their posts under this law during the last three years;

(c) whether this provision has also applied on the officials of Block (district Panchayat) and district Panchayats constituted under the three tier system of Panchayats;

(d) if so, the State-wise number of the officials so removed; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.